

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended in accordance with the Quayle Action's suggestions, and claims 1, 3, and 10 are amended for further clarity. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants thank Examiner Culbreth for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the May 21 telephone interview. Further, Applicants appreciate Examiner Culbreth's indication that the proposed amendments would overcome indefiniteness issues raised in the Quayle Action. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the remarks below.

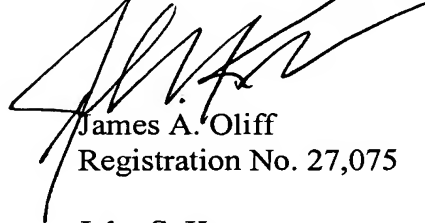
Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Quayle Action indicates that claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 contain allowable subject matter. However, the Quayle Action objects to the specification as containing minor errors. The Quayle Action also objects to the recitations "severe" and "severity" throughout the claims and the recitations "a short time" and "a long time" in claim 3 as being indefinite.

With regard to the objection to the specification, the specification is amended to obviate this objection. Further, regarding the objection to the claims, claims 1, 3, and 10 are amended for further clarity as proposed and discussed during the interview with Examiner Culbreth. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in Fig. 5 and pages 21-22 of the original specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request these objections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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